(b) There is no delay in the manufacture of MBT. The planning action for its manufacture has been initiated in line with the induction programme of the Army.

Requirement of submarines by Indian Navy

59. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governmet had finalised a deal with HDW of Germany for the supply of four submarines:

(b) if so, whether all the four submarines were delivered;

(c) whether the Navy wants more such submarines to complete its fleet; and

(d) whether Government propose to purchase some more submarines and if so, from whom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The contract with M/s. HDW was for supply of only 2 ready built submarines and material packages for 2 submarines to be constructed in India. Two submarines and material packages for another two, were delivered.

(c) and (d) Presently, there is no proposal for purchase of more submarines.

Modernisation plan for Navy

60. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of plans for modernisation, augmentation or development of navy have been scuttled or slowed down due to resource crunch during the last two years, as indicated by the outgoing Chief of Naval Staff on September 27, 1993; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating the main plans and projects affected thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The modernisation of the Indian Navy, and her force levels are considered with refrence to the Perspective Plan and the Annual Plans drawn up for the purpose, also taking into account the geo-strategic environment, the threat perception, the country's maritime interests, the likely tasks that the Navy may be called upon to perform, and the availability of budgetary resources.

Car project in Gujarat with the assistance of General Motors

61. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that General Motors (GM), the American auto-giant have agreed to set up a Rs. 800 crore car project in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the modalities of the proposed projects between American firm and Indian firm that have been finalised;

(c) whether Gujarat Government has also agreed to provide Rs. 35 crore loan for GM Project;

(d) if so, by what time the project is likely to start; and

(e) what will be its annual production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has approved setting up of a joint venture between M/s HM and M/s GM of USA in Gujarai for productiin of state cars. fuel efficient cars.

(b) The modalities of the proposed project are yet to be finalised by the two companies.